

DEVOTIONAL

Hollywood Prayer Network

PEACE

PEACE is an emotion we all hunger for and yet it is so difficult to attain, especially for long periods of time. Focus this week on seeking PEACE in your daily life, in your decisions, and in your relationships. May you find God's peace that surpasses your understanding as you spend time with Him.

DAY 1

THE LORD GIVES YOU PEACE

"IMAGINE ALL THE PEOPLE LIVING LIFE IN
PEACE. YOU MAY SAY I'M A DREAMER,
BUT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE. I HOPE
SOMEDAY YOU'LL JOIN US, AND THE
WORLD WILL LIVE AS ONE."

-JOHN LENNON

New International Version

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord
make his face shine upon you and be
gracious to you; the Lord turn his face
toward you and give you peace.

DAY 1

PRAY: Lord, I ask that You do shine through me. Please make my face shine because Your face is shining on me. Be gracious to me, bless me and keep me, and let me be a light to the world. And, Lord, may You give me peace, in all circumstances, all conversations, and in all of my relationships. I hunger to feel Your peace that surpasses all understanding, so thank You for Your graciousness, care and love. I can feel Your peace and Your blessing! Amen.

REFLECT: Has anyone ever commented that you are a blessing, your face was shining or you are gracious? Or, has someone noticed the Lord in you through your graciousness or through the joy on your face? Have you ever been a source of peace for someone else? Think about how the Lord touches the lives of other people through you and ponder how you can be a peacemaker and a blessing to others.

ACT: Choose to shine in one person's life today. Who can you reach out to, talk to, smile at, serve, or care for today that would be as God's light shining graciously into their life? And pray, right now, for one celebrity or decision-maker in Hollywood to be touched by God's shining light. The Lord wants to bless all of us with His light and peace – through us!

DAY 2

LET PEACE RULE

"I HAVE TO KEEP REMINDING MYSELF: IF YOU GIVE YOUR LIFE TO GOD, HE DOESN'T PROMISE YOU HAPPINESS AND THAT EVERYTHING WILL GO WELL. BUT HE DOES PROMISE YOU PEACE. YOU CAN HAVE PEACE AND JOY, EVEN IN BAD CIRCUMSTANCES."

-PATRICIA HEATON

New International Version

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

DAY 2

PRAY: Lord, thank You that in yesterday's devotional You said that Your peace would shine through my face, and today You are telling me You will rule in my heart! As a member of your body, may Your peace be in and through my whole body so that I will be a peacemaker and be thankful. Amen.

REFLECT: Christ's peace is supposed to rule in our hearts. What rules in your heart? Since you are a member of one body, the body of Christ, the church, you were called to peace. That's a commandment. Our job is have Christ's peace rule in our hearts and be thankful. How are you doing at being peaceful and thankful?

ACT: Take 10 minutes to sit silently with God and ask Him to reveal His peace in your heart. Can you truly feel His peace? Try to push aside other distracting thoughts and focus on the peace of God through Jesus. May it fill you from head to toe. After your time of silence and as you continue with your day, try to stay aware of embracing God's peace in every moment, every conversation, and every decision. Check yourself today, stop, take a breath, and ask Jesus to fill you, new and fresh, with His divine peace. It will make a difference for you will start becoming more thankful!

DAY 3

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

"IF YOU'RE MISSING JOY AND PEACE,
YOU'RE NOT TRUSTING GOD."

-JOYCE MEYER

New International Version

Psalms 16:8-9

I have set the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not
be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad
and my tongue rejoices; my body also
will rest secure

DAY 3

PRAY: Lord, please help me to keep my eyes on You. Don't let me be shaken, but fill my heart with gladness and my tongue with praise. I want my whole body to be at peace, loving You, trusting You, and being used by You to bring peace to others. Thank you for showing me that in trusting You, my heart will be glad, my tongue will rejoice, my body will rest secure, and I will experience peace! Amen.

REFLECT: Think about how often you feel gladness and praise. And have you ever felt your whole body at peace? What do you need to do to feel His peace more often? It says in Psalm 16 that we have to set the Lord always before us in order to "rest secure." What do you need to do to have the Lord always before you, understanding that He is always at your right hand. Wouldn't it be amazing to be so secure, and find so much peace from the Lord's presence that you will not be shaken? That will make your heart glad.

ACT: Write down three things that you may need to change to feel more gladness and praise and peace in your life. It may be an attitude change, it may be spending more time with the Lord, memorizing scripture, or choosing not to complain...whatever it is, take steps right now to experience more of God's peace, gladness, and praise on a daily basis. Only then will your body rest secure.

DAY 4

TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

"PEACE DOES NOT DWELL IN OUTWARD THINGS, BUT WITHIN THE SOUL; WE MAY PRESERVE IT IN THE MIDST OF THE BITTEREST PAIN, IF OUR WILL REMAINS FIRM AND SUBMISSIVE. PEACE IN THIS LIFE SPRINGS FROM ACQUIESCENCE TO, NOT IN AN EXEMPTION FROM, SUFFERING."
-FRANCOIS FENELON

New International Version

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

DAY 4

PRAY: Lord, please show me how to stay in perfect peace with You. I need Your help to trust You more and to have my mind be steadfast. I also ask that You show me how to put my trust in You. I need perfect peace when thinking about the people in Hollywood. Most of them don't know You, and I want them to experience Your perfect peace as well. Would You stretch my heart and theirs to fall more in love with You, to trust in You and to live in peace? In Jesus' name, Amen.

REFLECT: Reflect on what it would be like to have a steadfast mind and to live in absolute perfect peace. What areas of worry do you have to let go of? What fears do you need to break through? And what would it take to have perfect peace about the people creating and performing in the entertainment industry? Can you trust God to lead them to Him? Can you embrace the concept of praying for the people, the projects, and the issues of the Hollywood Entertainment Industry, and consider it the world's most influential mission field? Would you ask the Lord to help you do that?

ACT: Make TWO lists: One lists the things that you need to let go of and give to the Lord, so that you can live in more perfect peace. The other is to list the people in Hollywood whom you don't believe can become Christians. You have to trust Him for that. Would you ask the Lord to take care of both of your lists and check-in each week to see how He and you are doing?

DAY 5

PEACE GUARDS YOUR HEART AND MIND

"BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE-HEARTED,
FOR THEY SHALL ENJOY MUCH PEACE...
IF YOU REFUSE TO BE HURRIED AND
PRESSED, IF YOU STAY YOUR SOUL ON
GOD, NOTHING CAN KEEP YOU FROM
THAT CLEARNESS OF SPIRIT, WHICH IS
LIFE AND PEACE. IN THAT STILLNESS
YOU KNOW WHAT HIS WILL IS."

-AMY CARMICHAEL

New International Version

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends
all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

DAY 5

PRAY: Dear Lord, I thank You that You are the God of peace! I believe that Your peace surpasses ALL understanding, and I ask that You show me how it is guarding my heart and my mind, because of my love for Christ Jesus. I want both my heart and my mind to be transformed by Your peace, and to gain all understanding in my life. Lord, would You guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus because of this promise from You. Thank You for Your faithfulness. Amen.

REFLECT: Think about what the PEACE OF GOD really means to you. Do you experience it daily? And is God's peace guarding your heart and your mind – in Christ Jesus? It's transformative to be enveloped in God's supernatural peace. It transcends all of our understanding. Think about what that means and how it only works through your belief in, and love for, Jesus.

ACT: Ask God every day, for ONE WEEK, to guard your heart, and your mind, with peace. Ask Him to show you how you can be more peaceful as you seek Jesus and expect to experience His answer. You will see that His peace will transcend all understanding and will bring you closer to Jesus!

DAY 6

PEACE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

"IN THE SECRET OF GOD'S TABERNACLE NO ENEMY CAN FIND US, AND NO TROUBLES CAN REACH US. THE PRIDE OF MAN AND THE STRIFE OF TONGUES FIND NO ENTRANCE INTO THE PAVILION OF GOD. THE SECRET OF HIS PRESENCE IS A MORE SECURE REFUGE THAN A THOUSAND GIBRALTARS. I DO NOT MEAN THAT NO TRIALS COME. THEY MAY COME IN ABUNDANCE, BUT THEY CANNOT PENETRATE INTO THE SANCTUARY OF THE SOUL, AND WE MAY DWELL IN PERFECT PEACE EVEN IN THE MIDST OF LIFE'S FIERCEST STORMS."

-HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

New International Version

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

DAY 6

PRAY: Oh, God, I know that You are not a God of disorder but of peace. May I see Your peace in Your people all around me, and especially may it shine in and through me. I want to be a living example of Your order, and of peace in the world around me. May it start in my heart, in my home, and in my personal relationships. Amen.

REFLECT: Where do you see disorder in your life? Is it in relationships, in the tidiness of your car, your home, or your office? Look honestly at anything or any place where you have created or have allowed disorder. The Lord can come into your heart and mind and bring order to your thoughts, actions, words and even beliefs. He can strengthen your relationship with Him and make your life neater and more peaceful. What steps would you take to fully experience God's peace in your life?

ACT: Ask the Lord to clean up your heart, mind and soul, to bring peace, and to be more present in your thoughts, words, actions and beliefs. Ask Him to reveal to you anything that's out of place or disorderly in your life, and to replace it with His peace. As you ask Him, be aware that He will be subtly shifting things in your life in order to reach that peace that surpasses understanding. Don't miss it for He wants you to live in peace.

DAY 7

PROCLAIM PEACE

"YOU USE YOUR MONEY TO BUY PRIVACY
BECAUSE DURING MOST OF YOUR LIFE
YOU AREN'T ALLOWED TO BE NORMAL."
-JOHNNY DEPP

New International Version

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains are the
feet of those who bring good news, who
proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion,
'Your God reigns'!"

DAY 7

PRAY: Dear Heavenly Father, help me to share my faith each day, either through a conversation, through serving others, or praying for someone. Help me to bring Your good news to the people around me. And help me to pray for people in my life so that they can come to know You as well. I want to be someone who proclaims peace and salvation and brings good tidings to the world. Help me to make an eternal difference by proclaiming peace, good tidings and salvation in this world because I believe that You reign! Amen.

REFLECT: Reflect on what it means to be someone who proclaims peace and brings good news. Be creative to include your attitude, your willingness to listen to others, to be a friend to a difficult person, to tell the truth to someone, to go out of your way to serve someone, to do a good deed. And most of all, to get out of your comfort zone! How often do you do that? How would it alter your life to do it more often? We should all bring good news and proclaim peace and good tidings. And that leads others to salvation.

ACT: Choose to go out of your way today to bring good news to someone, to proclaim peace, bring good tidings and offer salvation to the people in your life. Share your faith with someone today. Choose one person and do something divinely radical for him or her. Maybe they don't yet know that you are Christian, or you haven't served them, prayed for them, showed love to them or proclaimed peace over them. Today is the day.